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Applicant(s): John McCafferty, et al.

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MEMBERS OF SPECIFIC BINDING
PAIRS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 10, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction and election under 35 U.S.C. §121.

I. ELECTION

Applicants elect without traverse Group III (claims 9-17) drawn to a method of producing a binding molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants further elect the species "deriving" for example, as in claim 13 to which the claims shall be restricted if the generic claim is found not to be allowable. Claims 9 and 13-17 read onto the species. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the remaining allegedly distinct groups in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. However, should any fees be required for any reason related to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Howrey LLP Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above-identified docket number. The Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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